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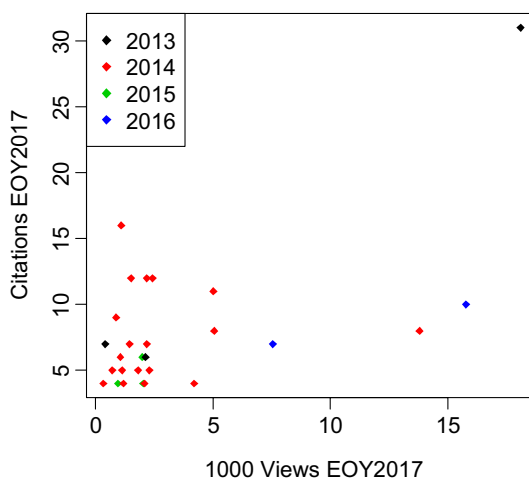
Editorial

A new year has arrived, also for Production & Manufacturing Research. The beginning of the year is always a good excuse to look ahead, but I will also take the chance to use the past to suggest a good way forward.

This year I do believe will bring many interesting advances for the journal and the field. We have several interesting Special Issues in the pipeline that I hope will see publication before the end of the year. Furthermore, we see a steadily increase in the impact of the research published in the journal in the form of citations.

PMR has been in publication since October 1st 2013, +1500 days or a bit more than four years. In those four years, PMR has published more than 100 papers, of which the vast majority are already cited ($\approx 80\%$ published in 2016 or earlier are cited in Scopus).

I will take this opportunity again to underline the value for authors in promoting their work and exploiting the Open Access license to ensure a wide readership of their work. It is clear from the figure below that there is a link between the number of views and the number of citations. In the figure I have included the data for all papers that at the end of 2017 had 4 or more citations in Scopus. The number of views is significant on a better than 0.01 level in determining the number of citations a paper gets (≈ 0.7 increase in citations per 1000 views). Quite naturally, the papers published in 2013–2014 dominate this list in terms of citations.



So my clear advice for the authors who successfully publish in PMR is ‘promote your work’ and for prospective authors: ‘behold the benefits of publishing in a good Open Access journal’.

In conclusion, let me bid you welcome to the fifth full year of PMR, let us aim to make it even better than the previous four.

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